



To: Workforce Development Board Chairs
Workforce Development Board Directors
Regional Chief Elected Officials

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Subject: MEMORANDUM
Interim Guidance for the Competitive Procurement of One-stop Operators

Purpose

To provide guidance and a timeline for the competitive procurement of one-stop operators.

References

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Section 122
Proposed Regulations NPRM § 678.635

Content

WIOA requires the Local Board, with the agreement of the chief elected official, to designate or certify one-stop operators through a competitive process. The proposed rules require the one-stop operator selected through the competitive process to be in place no later than **July 1, 2017**.

The lengthy transition period serves three goals: (1) It allows sufficient time for State and local areas to prepare to transition to a competitive process, including conducting market research, requests for information (RFIs), cost and price analysis, and competitions; (2) it reduces or eliminates the likelihood of disruption in services to participants as Local Boards have time to plan for and incorporate into the competition a plan for and incorporate into the competition a plan for transition to a new provider; and (3) it allows State and local areas to have the WIOA Final Rule to use to guide the implementation of a competitive process. The final regulations are expected to be released in June 2016.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) highly recommends that Local Boards postpone executing the one-stop operator competitive procurement process until the final regulations

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have been released and DWD provides guidance based on the regulations. This will ensure that Local Boards are moving forward with correct guidance and will allow DWD to provide technical assistance, as needed. However, Local Boards can begin to plan for the one-stop operator competition during PY16 by conducting market research, submitting Requests for Information, performing a cost and price analysis, etc.

Contact for Questions

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